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Ernest McNeill Eller

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Dear Stan,

I was just preparing to write you congratulations on the new vital post you are assuming when your invitation to change of command arrived. I appreciate your thinking of me and would have been present. Tomorrow you will be in my thoughts and of all those who know your dedicated service through all your years in the Navy.

Your notable achievements throughout every duty have impressed and pleased me. The President could not have made a finer appointment for Director of C.I.A. In fact it made me happier than any of his other appointments. A forecast of how well you will perform showed in your excellent appearance before Congress and your refusal to resign your commission.

With you on watch, your wisdom and firmness, an essential part of our security is in good hands. In that job of great importance I wish you

All success
Judge Eller